

WHEREAS, verbal communication is the cornerstone of our ability to grasp, creatively interact with, and master both ourselves and our environments, and yet speech, language, and hearing impairments are said to constitute the largest single handicapping condition among American adults and children; and

WHEREAS, a speech, language, or hearing handicap may profoundly impair a child's emotional, social, educational, and vocational development or seriously interfere with an adult's social and emotional well-being as well as his ability to obtain employment commensurate with his capabilities; and

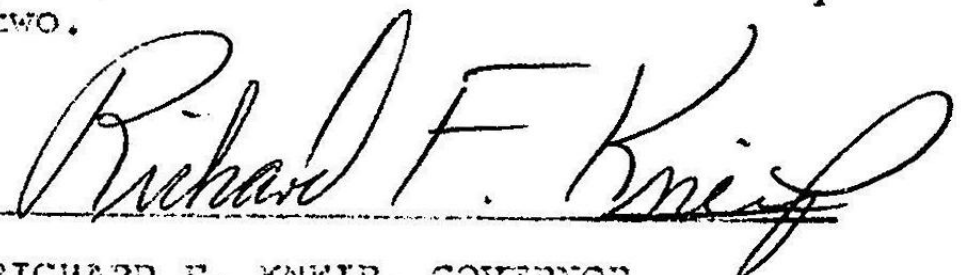
WHEREAS, speech pathologists and audiologists provide diagnostic and therapeutic professional services for persons so handicapped through a variety of clinical settings -- public schools, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, nonprofit public clinics, and private practice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and urge public awareness of the prevalence of communicative disorders and of the efforts of speech pathologists and audiologists to solve the problems and meet the needs of people afflicted with these handicaps.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 5th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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